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Kiwis win again

Yet again some foreigners have carried off one of our major sporting trophies.

In a tight but loosely played final, BLACKSTOCK beat HANS by 14 IMPs.

Both 4-person teams, as is the norm for Surfers, they played 76 boards on Thursday and 60 more yesterday.

In the semi-finals, BLACKSTOCK beat CUMMINGS 112 - 100,

and HANS beat POLII (the Indonesians) 96 - 56

In the first 15-board set of the final, BLACKSTOCK pulled out by an IMP, 48-47. That's 6½ IMPs per board. Here is some of that action:

Final 1, Bd 3

S/EW ♠ K J 3
♥ A Q 9
♦ A 8 5 4
♣ 9 4 2

♠ 10 ♠ A Q 9 8 4 2
♥ J 8 7 5 3 ♥ K 5 2
♦ K J 10 3 ♦ 6
♣ A 7 3 ♣ K Q J

♠ 7 6 5
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 9 7 2
♣ 10 8 6 5

Cut and thrust here. Mayer played 4♠ from West, the short side. Hans led a club, won in dummy. Declarer played a diamond to the J-A and North exited with another club to declarer's ace.

Mayer *did not* cash the ♦K for a heart pitch. Instead he took the trump finesse, cashed dummy's last club and exited with ace-another trump to North.

Sartaj had a problem. The failure to cash the ♦K suggested partner might have it, in which case a diamond exit is right. However he found the essential ♥Q switch (only card) and the contract failed.



Malcolm Mayer, Tom Jacob,
Stephen Blackstock
& Stephen Henry
Gold Coast Teams winners

Here's swing from thin air:

Final 1, Bd 12

W/NS ♠ Q 10 4
♥ J 6 3
♦ 6
♣ A Q J 10 9 7

♠ 9 8 7 5 2 ♠ A K 3
♥ 10 8 4 2 ♥ A 9
♦ 9 5 ♦ K J 8 7
♣ 6 2 ♣ K 8 5 3

♠ J 6
♥ K Q 7 5
♦ A Q 10 4 3 2
♣ 4

Hard to see how EW conceded -800 here, isn't it? Well, Hans opened 3♣ as North! East bid 3NT as everyone would, Horton doubled and led his club for 4 off.

Vu-Graph a fizzer

After a tight second set, the margin was 9 IMPs going into the last 20 boards on VuGraph.

A close contest, international rivalry, entertaining players, natural systems, 300+ in the theatre – it should have been exciting but wasn't.

There were a few technical hitches which tried our patience and the

Final Top 10

1st	2-4	Blackstock	
2nd	2-3	Hans	36 PPs
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3=	4-2	Polii	
3=	4-4	Cummings	18 PPs
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5=	2-2	Klinger	228
5=	4-1	Brifman	226
(These teams get 4.5 PPs)			
7=	2-11	Hunt	220
7=	4-10	Harouni	225
9=	2-7	Ewart	215
9=	4-8	Callaghan	217

Seniors

1st	1	Brockwell	36 PPs
2nd	2	Westwood	18 PPs
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3	5	Marinos(9 PPs)	220
4	6	Folkard	214
5	41	Woodfield	206
6	8	Ali	204
7	3	Ridgway	199
8	29	Bohlscheid	199
9	4	Wilkinson	197
10	18	Phillips	197

Restricted

1st	Lindsay
2nd	Rose
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3	Whitmee 228
4	Milner 217
5	Hale 215
6	Brown 208
7	Hauer 206
8	Plush 204
9	Schmalkuch 204
10	Jacobson 203

G C Teams final	1-15	16-30	41-50	51-60	
Stephen Blackstock - Stephen Henry Tom Jacob - Malcolm Mayer	48	28	35	23	134
Sartaj Hans - David Horton Michael Courtney - Paul Wyer	47	38	24	11	120

boards were a bit dull. Also, there was a longer than needed break between sets. Play was slow at times, as it sometimes is with screens. Somebody should chop them up for firewood.

At times like this, the panel needs to keep us entertained, but they were having an off night. From previous years, I have a list of people who should not be allowed near a microphone (Fordham, Hutton, etc) and the list just got longer.

Enough griping. (Yes, we'll have Deep Finesse hand records next year) Here's one of the swing hands from the vu-graph session.

Final 3, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ K J 10 6
♥ K 10 5 3
♦ 7 4
♣ K J 4

♠ A 8 2	♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ Q J 5 4 2	♥ 9 6
♦ 9	♦ K 10 3 2
♣ A 10 6 3	♣ Q 9 7
	♠ 9 3
	♥ A 8
	♦ A Q J 8 6 5
	♣ 8 5 2

HANS picked up 22 IMPs on two slam swings but still lost the set, largely due to cardplay swings like this.

Both Norths played the pushy 3NT after both Wests chose to double 1♦, rather than make the normal 1♥ overcall.

Mayer made nine tricks on a spade



Paul Penlington, Bill & Maria Lindsay, and Bob MacArthur won the 30-board Restricted Final 58-47.

Paul & Bob are from the Sunshine Coast, Bill & Maria from Caloundra. They went through the Swiss undefeated, averaging 22 VPs, so no more Restricted events for them I think! There were a record 84 teams this time.

lead. Stephen Henry found the club lead against Michael Courtney and declarer had no real chance.

Curiously, Courtney was in the closed room for the second vugraph set. However, this allowed him to join the panel to provide commentary on the last few boards.

This he didn't do but we learned why Borewicz, Burgess, Richman and Marston all had cold showers one year; why people sometimes turn up 30 minutes late for sessions; of Michael's ingenious plan to get Del'Monte, Gold, Richman and Blackstock (he might fall off) to climb the clock tower next year and silence the bells. You had to be there.

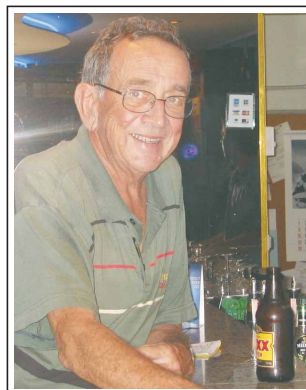
Denise & Rosa in for Bill

Bill Hunt, who needs to look after himself better, had a mild stroke mid-week and ended in hospital. To fill the gap, Denise Dodd and Rosa Lachman took turns playing with Magnus. Against the expectations of some, they then won five straight and had a chance to make the semis. They missed out but finished second on Level 2.

Tully in for Jackman

This has been Tony Jackman's last year as convener, after decades in the job. Tony, Clare, Tim and other family members have been presided over astonishing growth in recent years. Tony has been involved from the start, way back in 1962. I guess we'll see more of him at the table and in the bar from now on.

Therese Tully will take over from next year. There are some interesting choices ahead. ♣♦♥♠



Surely not the last time in the bar

Is this a record?

Muswellbrook Bridge Club, located in the Hunter Valley of NSW, has had to go into recess this week, due to the number of regular players here at the Gold Coast congress.

The club struggles along on 3 or 4 tables at their weekly session. Seven members of our club are playing here. That's about 50%, surely a record.

The club runs a 2 day congress in October. Their founding member and patron, Madge Davies, turned 105 last week. Madge started to play the new-fangled game in 1915 when she was at school.

ANA shield

72 tables

Winners: Lyn Farnden & Terry Brown

At the end of the VuGraph, Stephen Burgess exhorted us all to "Get your entries in now for the ANA Shield." Funny, I thought it was a walk-in ...



Ivy & John Luck throw a good party



David Anderson, David Mortimer, John Brockwell and Eric Ramshaw won the Senior Teams 137-104, after losing the first set 62-6.